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New I-17 interchange at Jomax Road to open Sept. 24

PHOENIX – Drivers in the North Valley will soon have another way to access Interstate 17, with the completion next week of a new freeway interchange on I-17 at Jomax Road. The new interchange is scheduled to open to traffic Sept. 24.

While the interchange will be completed, the southbound exit ramp will remain closed for the construction of a sound wall along the frontage road on the west side of I-17 as part of the current freeway widening project.

Drivers also will have a new way to access the interchange because the City of Phoenix recently completed a new section of Jomax Road between Norterra Parkway and I-17, east of the freeway. That portion of Jomax Road also is scheduled to open Sept. 24 in conjunction with the new interchange.

Construction began in May 2007 on the Jomax interchange project – one of four new interchanges being constructed to improve freeway access along I-17 north of Loop 101. The interchanges at Carefree Highway and Deer Valley Road are also currently being reconstructed to improve capacity and traffic flow. The Carefree Highway interchange is scheduled to be completed within a few days of the Jomax Road interchange opening. In addition, I-17 is being widened by two lanes in each direction between Loop 101 and Carefree Highway.

It's all part of a massive I-17 reconstruction effort targeted for completion in 2009 and included in the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Another RTP project to widen I-17 between Carefree Highway and Anthem Way is scheduled to begin in 2009, with completion in 2010.

More information about I-17 improvements, including maps and timetables, can be found at www.valleyFreeways.com or by calling the I-17 hotline at (480) 890-3055. Drivers are encouraged to sign up for ADOT's weekly I-17 e-mail alerts for construction-related restrictions.

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